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Ms. Gerallyn Downes-Valls
U.S. EPA
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841 Chestnut Street
Philadelphia, PA 19107

Subject: Henderson Road RI/FS
BCM Project No. 00-5528-02

Dear Gerallyn:

At your request (April 11, 1988, telephone conversation), BCM Eastern Inc. (BCM) contacted Cindy Rice of the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service with regard to transient threatened or endangered species which may frequent the Henderson Road Site area, including the UMR. Charles Kulp, Ms. Rice's supervisor, responded with the attached letter. He indicated that, as the project is currently constituted, no Biological Assessment or further consultation under the Endangered Species Act is required with the Fish and Wildlife Service.

Based on our telephone conversation today, it is my understanding that aside from forwarding to you a copy of Mr. Kulp's letter, that you do not require modification to the Final Draft RI at this time. You indicated that you may wish that the Final RI document, which will be prepared following receipt of public comments by the EPA, may include this document within the appendices. Further, that Section 2.4 of the RI - Natural Resources - may be expanded to include some of the information currently included in the endangerment assessment with regard to area wildlife.

Should you have any questions or additional requests for information, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Very truly yours,


Alan M. Robinson
Vice President

/cc

Attachment

cc: Hershel Richman, Esq.
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Mr. Steven M. Jones, Ph.D.
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BCM Eastern Inc.,
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Dear Mr. Jones:

This responds to your letter of April 11, 1988, requesting information concerning the presence of federally listed or proposed endangered and threatened species within the area affected by the Henderson Road Site located in Upper Merion Township, Montgomery County, Pennsylvania.

Except for occasional transient species, no federally listed or proposed threatened or endangered species under our jurisdiction are known to exist in the project area impact area. Therefore, no Biological Assessment or further Section 7 consultation under the Endangered Species Act (87 Stat. 884, as amended; 16 U.S.C. 1531 et seq.) is required with the Fish and Wildlife Service. Should project plans change, or if additional information on listed or proposed species becomes available, this determination may be reconsidered. A compilation of federally listed endangered and threatened species in Pennsylvania is enclosed for your information. Requests for information regarding State-listed endangered or threatened species should be directed to the Pennsylvania Game Commission (wildlife), the Pennsylvania Fish Commission (fish, reptiles and amphibians) and the Pennsylvania Department of Environmental Resources (plants).

This response relates only to endangered or threatened species under our jurisdiction, based on an office review of the proposed project's location. No field inspection of the project area has been conducted by this office. Consequently, this letter is not to be construed as addressing other Service concerns under the Fish and Wildlife Coordination Act or other legislation.

If we can be of further assistance, please contact us.

Sincerely,

Charles J. Kulp
Supervisor

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FEDERALLY LISTED ENDANGERED AND THREATENED SPECIES
IN PENNSYLVANIA

COMMON NAME	SCIENTIFIC NAME	STATUS	DISTRIBUTION
<u>FISHES:</u>			
Sturgeon, shortnose*	<u>Acipenser brevirostrum</u>	E	Delaware River and Other Atlantic Coastal waters
<u>REPTILES:</u>			
NONE			
<u>BIRDS:</u>			
Eagle, bald	<u>Haliaeetus leucocephalus</u>	E	Entire State
Falcon, American peregrine	<u>Falco peregrinus anatum</u>	E	Entire State -- re-establishment to former breeding range in progress
Falcon, Arctic	<u>Falco peregrinus tundrius</u>	E	Entire State migratory -- no nesting
<u>MAMMALS:</u>			
Bat, Indiana	<u>Myotis sodalis</u>	E	Entire State
Cougar, Eastern	<u>Felis oncolor cougar</u>	E	Entire State -- probably extinct
<u>MOLUSKS:</u>			
NONE			
<u>PLANTS:</u>			
Pogonia, small whorled	<u>Isotria medeoloides</u>	E	Becks, Centre, Chester, Greene, Monroe, Montgomery, Philadelphia & Venango Counties

* Principal responsibility for this species is vested with the National M. Fisheries Service.

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